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U.S. Department of Labor's MSHA Seeks to Hire Mine Inspectors in Alabama

Mine Inspector Positions available in Bessemer and Birmingham

SUMITON, Ala.—The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new mine inspectors by conducting on-site applicant screenings on Dec. 2, 2006, at the Bevill Business and Industry Building of Bevill State College, 101 State St., Sumiton, Ala. Registration for all candidates begins at 7 a.m.

"We're looking for qualified people who can help us to continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "This agency needs individuals who want to dedicate themselves to our mission and help us eliminate hazards that threaten working miners."

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. The agency is recruiting coal mine inspectors for surface, underground, and electrical positions in Bessemer and Birmingham, Ala.

Those who are unable to pre-register for the screenings may be tested and screened as "walk-in" candidates, subject to space availability. All persons attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at www.msha.gov to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

Applicants will be notified of test results and selected candidates will participate in a two-year formal training program. Applicants must be able to efficiently perform arduous duties. Selected applicants at the GS-7 level will receive a starting salary of about \$36,000 annually. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp.

Applicant screenings are scheduled as follows:

**Sumiton, Ala. — December 2 at 7 a.m.
Bevill State College, Sumiton Campus (Bevill Business & Industry Bldg.), 101 State St., 35148**

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